

OLIVA
Serial No. 09/688,170

Atty Dkt: 3572-26
Art Unit: 2876

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

A. SUMMARY OF THIS AMENDMENT

By the current amendment, Applicants basically:

1. Thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 33 – 36.
2. Cancel claims 1-32 without prejudice or disclaimer.
3. Add new claims 37-60.
4. Advise the Examiner of the simultaneous filing of a Petition to Extend.

B. THE NEW CLAIMS

New dependent claims 37-49 depend upon allowed independent claim 33 and correspond to cancelled dependent claims 2, 3, 7-18

Independent claim 50 corresponds to cancelled independent claim 19 with the addition of the features of allowed claim 33.

Independent claim 51 corresponds to pending independent claim 20 with the addition of certain features presented in the last two paragraphs of allowed claim 33.

Dependent claim 52 (dependent upon new independent claim 50) recites the subject matter previously recited in cancelled dependent claim 7.

Dependent claims 53-60, ultimately dependent upon allowed claim 35, correspond to dependent claims 25-32 (which are now cancelled).

C. MISCELLANEOUS

In view of the foregoing and other considerations, all claims are deemed in condition for allowance. A formal indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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